

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: ILLUMINATION OPTICAL APPARATUS USING DIFFERENT NUMBER OF
LIGHT SOURCES UNDER DIFFERENT EXPOSURE MODES, METHOD OF
OPERATING AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN REISSUE APPLICATION

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Col. 1, before the first line of the specification, after the title of the invention, please
insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This is one of two (2) reissue applications directed to various aspects of an
illumination optical apparatus and method described in U.S. Patent No. 5,991,009. The first
reissue application is Application No. 09/989,470, filed November 21, 2001. The second
reissue application is the present application, which is a divisional of said Application
No. 09/989,470. As noted above, this is a divisional of Application No. 09/989,470, filed
November 21, 2001, which is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,991,009, which corresponds to
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/127,625 filed August 3, 1998, which is a division of